

**City of Newton**  
**Crime Prevention Commission**

**Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

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**Call to Order/Introductions/Administrative Business** – Approval of Minutes.

**Comstat Crime Report** – Details provided by Lt. Bruce Apotheker, including the 300+ car stops during a recent safety campaign, etc.

**Home Invasion** – The Chair and Lt. Apotheker will report on, and ask for discussion of, creative outreach recommendations about our CPC high priority involvement with City efforts to help prevent the home invasion. After a series of meetings with the Mayor, NPD, CPC and Newton neighbors, a broad effort was undertaken to focus on the apparent string of incidents and resident concerns. So far, CPC's role in this is to fully participate in neighborhood meetings around the City and to draft a home invasion prevention checklist written for posting to the City/CPC website. We will also discuss how a neighborhood meeting led directly to our new NPD public safety alert system called NIXLE. To date, 500-600 residents, but not enough, have signed up free of charge by going to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Advice will be sought about how to encourage more registration. Looking both forward and backward, since the home invasion issue first surfaced, there have been 2 NPD/CPC meetings with residents in the community, one at the NPD and another at Lower Falls / Grove Street Hamilton house. We will report on these. In addition, there are 2 more scheduled, one at the Nonantum / Village Bank and another at the Grove Street / Williams School. We will report on those as well as one special neighborhood group's plan to activate a neighborhood watch which may in time be a model and pilot.

**RAD (viz. Rape Aggression Defense) Program** – There will be a progress report by Commissioner Rich Catrambone and Steven Konowitz, Esq. (our newest CPC permanent visiting guest) about steps going forward with the *Lilly Konowitz Foundation for Women's Safety*. On Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Steve and Rich presided over a meeting (attended by the Chair) at Newton South High School, where we learned how 19 girls had signed up for our community's 1<sup>st</sup> planned 4 week RAD course after 4 NPD officers were trained and certified to be the instructors (using mostly *Foundation* funds). This was after 120 students and CPC Commissioners had attended a junior girl's RAD assembly arranged by NSHS Principal Joel Stembridge. What Stembridge did, admirably, was an expression of his mission statement that provides, in part, that NSHS is "a community of students, parents, faculty, and staff" which, "creates a climate of safety ..." and "nurtures curiosity, creativity, and a passion for learning." Accordingly, the CPC Chair expressed the City's gratitude for his leadership. In addition, Margie Kern's efforts to press forward with RAD training for girls and women (13 and over) became a reality when Joe and Kathy Esposito, working with NPD Sgt Billy Spaulding, offered our 1<sup>st</sup> NPD/CPC RAD classes for 16 registrants. Classes were held in at Esposito's Karate Fitness Center, 230 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02493. These impressive early results and our next steps will both be deliberated.

**Other Business / New business / Meeting Adjournment**

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